

WESPDHH – Outreach Program

Meet our Consultants...

Speech-Language Consultant – Holly Kloiber

The Speech-Language Consultant can provide formal and informal assessment, written evaluation and recommendations, and IEP/IFSP participation to support the speech and language needs of a child who is deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind. Holly is fluent in American Sign Language and can assess a student's spoken and/or signed language ability. In addition, Holly can provide information and consultation to staff on the specific needs of a child. In-service trainings and workshops on the impact of hearing loss on a child's speech and language skills and effective strategies and techniques for working with children who are deaf or hard of hearing can also be provided.

Birth to Six Services Coordinator – Sally-Ann Anderson

Our Birth to Six Services Coordinator will oversee the newly established Guide-by-your-Side Program, which links new families to specially trained Parent Consultants around the state of Wisconsin. In addition, the Birth to Six Services Coordinator can provide assessment, written evaluations and recommendations and IEP/IFSP participation and consultation regarding the needs of a young child who is deaf or hard of hearing and their family. This Outreach team member will also provide consultation and training to Birth to 3 and Early Childhood programs that are serving a child who is deaf or hard of hearing.

Deafblind Coordinator – Heidi Hollenberger

Our Deafblind Coordinator can provide assessment, written evaluations and recommendations and IEP/IFSP participation and consultation regarding the specific needs of students who are deafblind. Heidi can assist the educational team in the development of a communication system for a child who is deafblind. Additionally, she can provide techniques, strategies and technical assistance to an educational team that is working with a child who is deafblind. Heidi is also knowledgeable about the resources available for children who are deafblind, their families and the staff that works with the child and can link staff and families to these resources.

Diagnostic / Educational Specialist – Nancy Kathman

The Diagnostic / Educational Specialist can provide formal and informal assessment, written evaluations and recommendations and IEP participation regarding the educational strengths and needs of the child. Nancy can also conduct assessment of a student's educational and functional achievement. In addition to evaluation, recommendations, and IEP team participation, Nancy can assist in supporting the specific needs of students through consultation with staff regarding curriculum modification, classroom adaptations, and strategies and techniques that may be effective with a student with hearing loss.

Educational Audiology Consultant – Stacie Heckendorf

Stacie can provide consultation to school districts regarding the skills and knowledge provided by an Educational Audiologist to an educational team, including provision and maintenance of technology and support of a student's development of auditory skills. Stacie can assist school districts in obtaining the services of an Educational Audiologist and/or can provide consultation regarding the specific audiological needs of a student who is deaf or hard of hearing. She can also provide information related to school hearing screening programs

Sign Communication Specialist – vacant

Our Sign Communication Specialist can provide assessment, written evaluations and recommendations and IEP/IFSP participation regarding a student's sign communication skills and needs. Through interview and observation and assessment tools, the components of a student's sign language skills can be determined, specifically usage of American Sign Language and/or a signed English system. In addition, a student's need for a sign language interpreter can be assessed. The Sign Communication Specialist can also provide consultation to assist the school district in meeting a student's sign communication needs and staff in-services and workshops can be developed to support the sign language needs of a child.

For more information, or to contact one of our Consultant Staff,
visit our website at www.wesp-dhh.wi.gov

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